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WHOLE NO. 1605

Neel Hall is Destroyed by Fire Big Loss to College Property

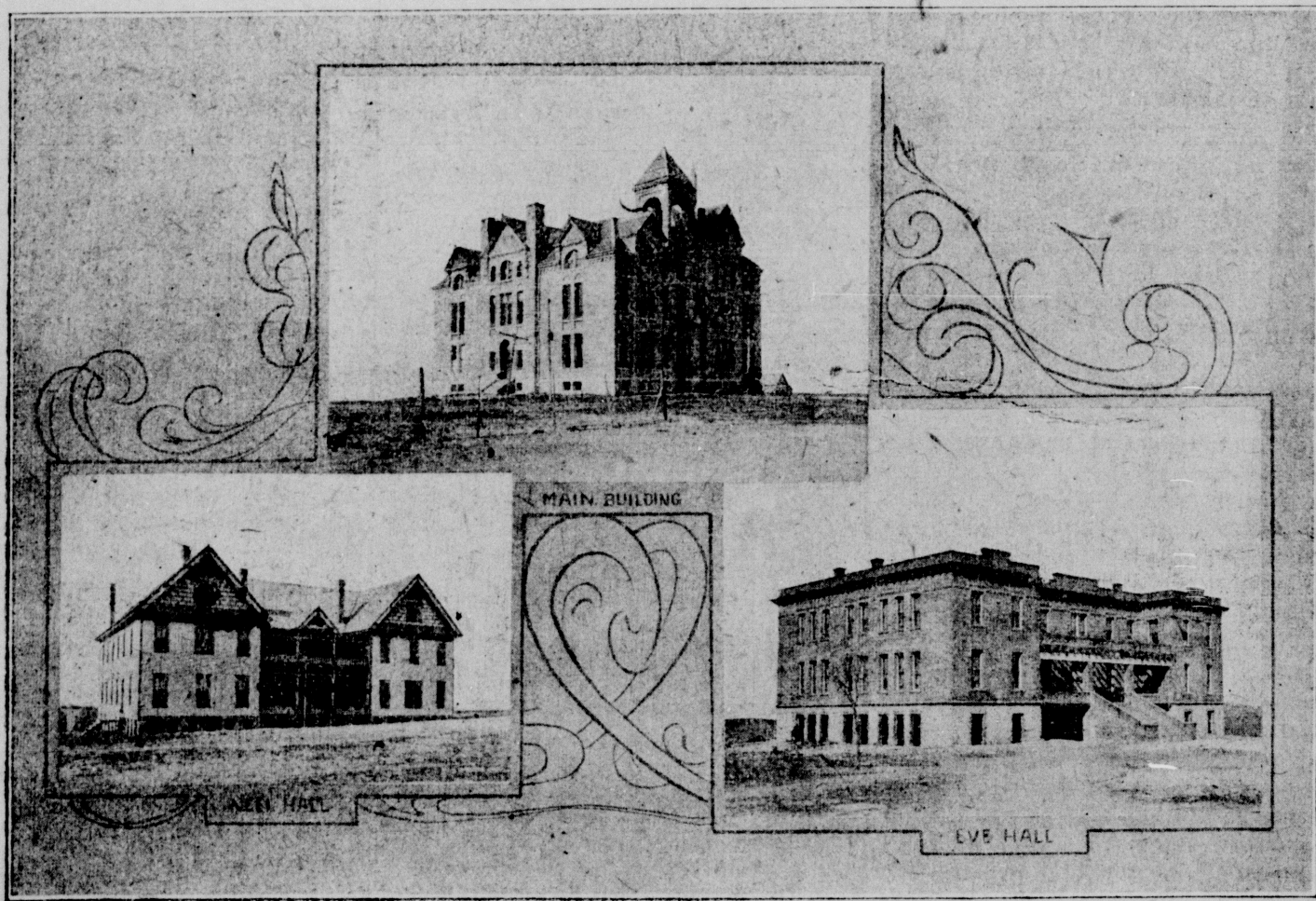
Yesterday morning at 8:30 o'clock the boys' dormitory of the Decatur Baptist College caught fire and in less than fifty minutes all that remained of "Neel Hall" was a seething heap of ashes. When discovered the fire was burning in the flooring of a room on the second story in the northeast corner of the building. The alarm was immediately given and the teachers and students battled with the flames, which spread rapidly throughout the interior of the structure. Hundreds of our town people rushed to scene and assisted in the work of checking the fire, but the efforts came to naught. It was impossible for the fire department to render any service, owing to the distance from a water plug.

Most all personal property of the students rooming in the building was saved.

Five thousand dollars insurance was carried on the building.

Steps will be immediately taken to erect a modern brick structure on the site of the burned building, costing probably \$12,000.

A telegram was sent Governor Colquitt, asking him to allow the students the use of the state's army tents, pending other arrangements for housing the boys. The governor promptly granted the request and the tents are now on the way here.



Neel Hall—Destroyed by Fire.

In the Courts.

County Court.

J. L. Shook vs. C. R. I. & G. railway, damages for killing two head of stock; \$57.50 awarded plaintiff.

D. C. Caldwell vs. Ft. Worth & Denver railway company suit for damages for burning grass; judgement for plaintiff for \$50.

J. W. Glass vs. Ft. Worth & Denver railway company, suit for damages for killing three head of cattle; judgement for plaintiff for \$54.

C. G. Swenson vs. Ft. W. & D. railway company, suit for damages for allowing johnson grass to go to seed on right-of-way; judgment for plaintiff for \$75.

Justice Court.

C. B. Beard vs. W. H. Bullock, suit on note; judgement for plaintiff for \$75; suit was for \$175. This case attracted more than the usual crowd to the court room. The case was tried some time ago and resulted in a hung jury. The defendant in the case

claimed that he was entitled to a commission of \$100 for finding a purchaser for plaintiff's property; that plaintiff agreed to pay him the amount if he found a buyer, which he claims to have done; that Vernon Brown of Sherman wanted the property. This commission was to be applied on payment of note, held by plaintiff. The jury "split" the commission in half, allowing Mr. Bullock \$50.

J. H. Norton vs. J. I. McDaniel, suit for commission of \$75; judgment for \$50.

Will Hold an Election

Montague, Feb. 18.—A prohibition election has been ordered in Montague county for March 9th, upon a petition presented by the antis. This county has been dry since 1902; and if continued in the dry column by the election of the 9th, the violation of prohibition law will thereafter be a felony. In the recent state prohibition election the county went dry by a majority of 438 votes.

Mothers' Dept. W. C. T. U.

The mothers' department of the W. C. T. U., under the direction of Mrs. C. V. Terrell, met with Mrs. E. H. Baumgaertner Thursday afternoon. The next meeting will be held at the public school, Friday, March 1, at 3:30 o'clock.

Roll call.

Suggest useful plays for children.

Subject for discussion, "The Child at Home from Two to Six Years of Age."

Points for the exchange of ideas, how shall we teach obedience, order, kindness, truthfulness, principle.

At the Methodist Church.

All the usual services Sunday. We have no assurance that satan will suspend business on account of weather or any other happenings, neither can the church afford to suspend her work. We need the co-operation of every member of the church in our present forward movement. Everybody kindly invited. A. R. NASH, Pastor.

Get On the Honor Roll

The following have paid subscriptions to the Messenger the past week:

J. F. Thurmond.....	Rhome
J. M. Ford.....	Rhome
H. T. Twitty.....	Lubbock
A. J. Collins.....	Decatur
J. C. Tucker.....	Decatur
P. D. Cates.....	Duncan, Ok
Jesse N. Elrod.....	Alvord
Mrs. Kelly Wilson.....	Dodd City
Mrs. G. E. Baits.....	Decatur
P. J. Murphy.....	Decatur
J. F. Booth.....	Decatur
Ira Stepp.....	Decatur
W. T. Branch.....	Decatur
G. B. King.....	Halsell
Mrs. Mattie Burton.....	Decatur
A. R. Drake.....	Slidell
L. E. Monre.....	Greenwood
T. J. Waggoner.....	Wichita Falls
J. W. Smith.....	Chico
J. C. Brown.....	Decatur
Mrs. Ed Welsh.....	Ft. Worth
W. H. H. Brown.....	Ft. Worth
Sid Ford.....	Decatur
Mrs. C. W. Donald.....	Decatur
Outler Gose.....	Decatur
T. Boyd.....	Decatur
G. F. Smith.....	Decatur
Logan Dorsey.....	Greenwood
C. Y. McDonald.....	Decatur
Mrs. Sarah Waggoner.....	Wichita F
C. W. Bryan.....	Decatur
J. M. Trussell.....	Decatur
W. D. Paschall.....	Decatur

Special matinee at Majestic Saturday afternoon at 3:30. Adm. 5 and 10.

Eats Six Pounds of Pie.

Walter Littrell, a young man living in this city, performed with an eating stunt Wednesday noon at Valentine's lunch house on West Main street, that will in all probability hold the record in this community for quite awhile. Littrell consumed seven pies weighing in the aggregate a fraction over six pounds—more than ninety-six ounces of pie, good old apricot pie. This was done at one sitting and in a few minutes time. As we go to press Littrell is enjoying his usual health, and he still entertains a "liking" for the apricot brand of pies.

Mission Society

The Woman's Mission society met at the church Monday afternoon, Feb. 19. Our president being out of town, meeting was conducted by 2nd vice president. The twenty fifth Psalm was read; nine members were present. Prayer by Mrs. Harding; songs No. 166 and 82 were sung; Matt. 5 13-20 was read by Mrs. Sullivan. Mrs. Davis read a very interesting paper on child's life in Brazil. A good article on adopting children was read by Mrs. J. Cates. A discussion of the child labor problem in the south was read by our former president, Mrs. W. W. Williams. A report from the Pastor's Council was given by Mrs. Baumgaertner. Closed with Lord's prayer.

MRS. W. L. RUSH,
Press Reporter.

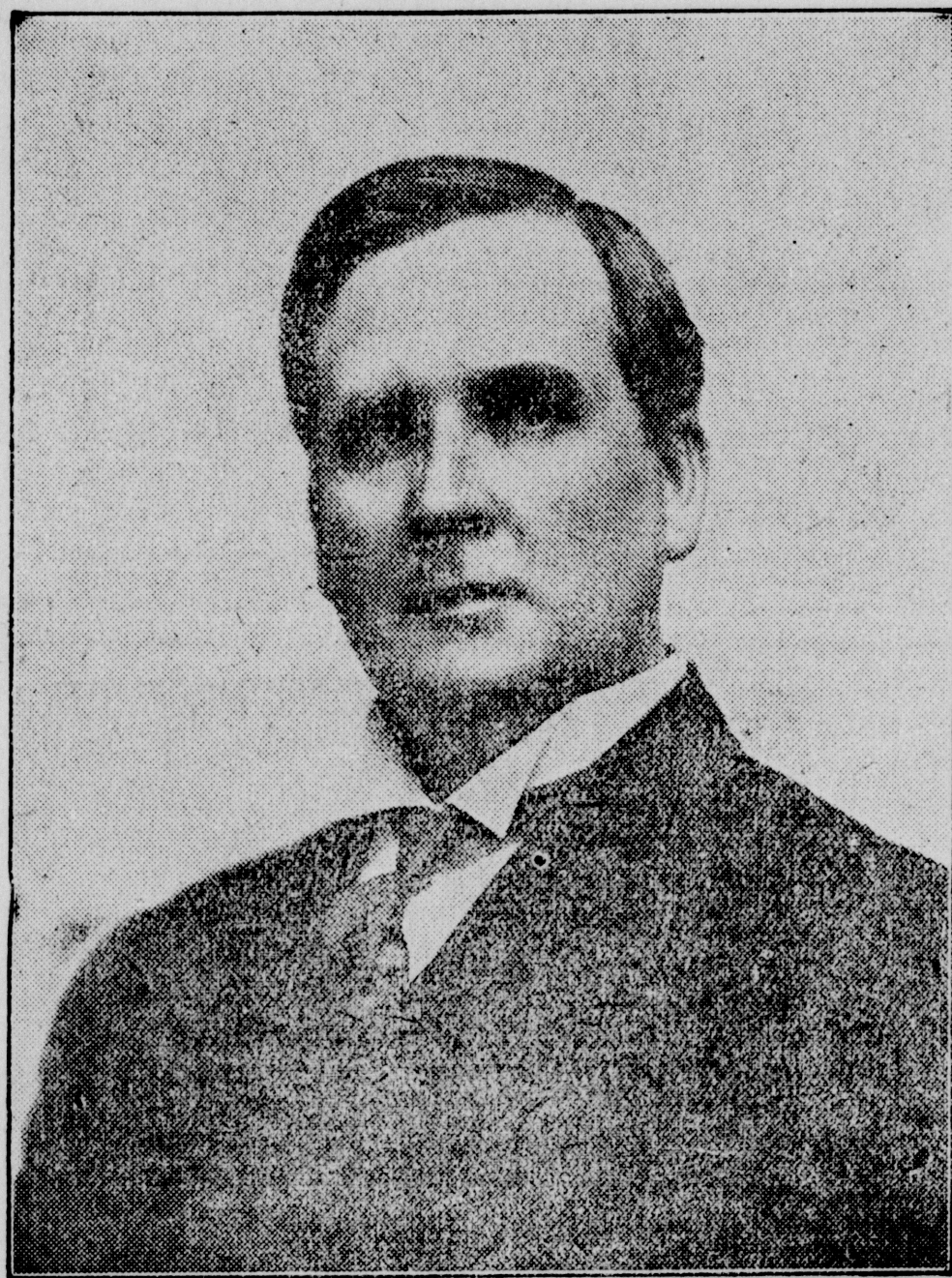
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Hon. Cone Johnson.



STRONG DRINK IS CONDEMNED

Day Is Rapidly Passing When Alcohol Is Considered of Value in Producing Better Work.

It is not generally known that the vast majority of men of genius are strong in their condemnation of intoxicating liquors, writes T. Darley Allen in the Cumberland Presbyterian. Thomas A. Edison is a total abstainer. Mistral, the poet of Provence, says that, although he is in the habit of drinking a small quantity of wine with his meals, he is convinced that the use of intoxicating liquors in any form is fatal to intellectual effort. Jules Claretie says he never drinks anything of an alcoholic nature when he has intellectual work to do. Pierre Loti is a total abstainer, and Paul Bourget declares alcohol in every form and in the smallest quantities to be detrimental to creative labor. Jules Lemaitre gave up wine drinking because he found it interfered with his work.

George Bernard Shaw is a total abstainer, and the late George Meredith was an abstainer and a strong advocate of total abstinence for others. Alfred Russell Wallace, the scientist; William Huggins, the astronomer, and John Gorst, the physician, are eminent octogenarians who, through their lives, have condemned the use of alcoholic drinks.

Vincent d'Indy says: "I have never regarded alcohol as of the slightest value in producing musical ideas. I would even go further and add that creation, if due to artificial means, like alcohol, has every chance of being vitiated."

The testimonies of many other men of genius should be added to the foregoing to show that the day is rapidly passing when alcohol is considered as of value in helping one to produce better work than when in his normal condition. Alcohol is not helpful to men of genius or talent in the production of their work, but, on the contrary, is a detriment. And this is rapidly being recognized by thinking people everywhere.

ALCOHOL HURTS THE MEMORY

Physician Who Drinks Beer Regularly Is Unable to Follow New Range of Ideas and Retain Facts.

A medical writer in a recent issue of the "Journal of Inebriety" makes the following striking statement regarding the effect of alcoholic indul-

gence on the memory:

"A physician who drinks beer regularly is unable to follow any new range of ideas and retain the facts. The impressions made at the time seem to be very transient and quickly disappear. The men, one an abstainer and the other a moderate drinker, were sent on a commission to examine and report on the watershed of a large lake.

"The abstainer saw many things and gave a minute, accurate report. The moderate drinker's report was very imperfect and omitted important facts and failed to put down several data that were necessary. Both wrote the reports the day after the examination. The difference was the fault of memory.

"It has been noted that moderate drinkers more frequently carry notebooks to put down items of facts and information which they fear may escape their attention. Men who are engaged in absorbing business requiring exact attention to details always depend on notes made at the time and place, and this is frequently the indirect result of spirits and a damaged memory."

Good Reason for Condemning.

"The Provident Savings Life Assurance Society of New York has this year issued to its policy holders a health bulletin for the correction of popular fallacies in favor of drink by a plain statement of the scientific facts. The Sunday School Times in its last temperance number published an article by the medical director of the same company setting forth some of these scientific facts which he declared show "that in addition to such moral objections as may exist to the custom of alcoholic indulgence, we now have well-grounded scientific and economic reasons for condemning it."

Proper Living.

Religion does not consist of jumping out of hell to get into heaven. Some folks say that being good to the family, square in business, courteous in social intercourse, is the proper life. I agree with them. I agree with all socialistic movements that have for their object the betterment of man, but they generally make the great mistake of not taking the right step first. Ye must be born again. Sign your name. Put yourself on record, Salvation. That is first and then the code of good and proper living comes. —Rev. J. W. Chapman, Evangelist, Buffalo, N. Y.

Cure Melancholy by Madness.

Wise men mingle mirth with their cares, as a help either to forget or overcome them; but to resort to intoxication for the ease of one's mind is to cure melancholy by madness. —Charron.

Can't Afford to Drink.

I never drink. I cannot do it on equal terms with others. It costs them only one day, but it costs me three; the first is sinning, the second is suffering, and the third is repenting. —Sterne.

Dangerous Prescription.

"In prescribing alcohol for the cure of a disease, you set up one a thousand times more dangerous than the one for which alcohol is prescribed." —Dr. C. J. Russell

Attend the Majestic tonight.

Ask Your Neighbor

Hundreds of Decatur Citizens Can Tell You All About It

Home endorsement, the public expression of Decatur people, should be evidence beyond dispute for every Decatur reader, of the merit of Doan's Kidney Pills. Surely the experience of friends and neighbors, cheerfully given by them, will carry more weight than the utterances of strangers residing in far-away places. Read the following:

Thomas M. Cottle, Decatur, Texas, says: "I have used about three boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills for various symptoms of kidney complaint and have found this remedy to be satisfactory. About a year ago I suffered intensely from my kidneys. My back ached and I had no control over the kidney secretions as I was obliged to get up often at night. Hearing neighbors recommending Doan's Kidney Pills, I tried them and the cure came promptly. I highly recommend this remedy to act just as represented."

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Call to Farmers

I hereby call a meeting of all members of farmers' unions of this county to meet at the court house in Decatur, Feb. 24, at 2:30 o'clock. I earnestly request all farmers to be present at this meeting, as some of the most important questions will be discussed. Prominent speakers will be present and talk to you. S. M. RAGLE, Pres. County Union.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Liniment and bound on to the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When troubled with lame back or pains in the side or chest give it a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Sold by all druggists.

Their Extent.

"I understand the laws against expectoration are very strict in this town."

"Strict? I should say so! They won't even allow you to keep a Spitz dog."

The weather now being experienced on the bleak, trackless plains is calculated to put Dick McCarty's Aspermost optimism out of commission. Nevertheless, we will take a few bets on Sir Richard, philosopher, poet, publisher, prince of good fellows.

Dessert.

Four whites of eggs, sixteen prunes, four tablespoonfuls of sugar, vanilla, pinch of salt. Stew prunes without sugar until tender, drain and cut in small pieces; beat the eggs to a stiff froth, with a pinch of salt added, fold in the prunes, pour the mixture into a buttered baking dish, and place in a moderate oven for ten minutes; then remove the covering to allow the pudding to brown slightly. Serve cold in glass cups with whipped cream; if chocolate flavoring is desired, one tablespoonful of grated chocolate may be added.

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The Carminatives possess properties which aid in relieving the disturbances and pain caused by undigested food. This combination of these ingredients makes a remedy invaluable for the complete relief of indigestion and dyspepsia.

We are so certain of this that we urge you to try Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets on our own personal guarantee. Three sizes, 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Remember, you can obtain Rexall Remedies only at our store—The Rexall Store, Ford & Thomason.

ALVORD

Miss Ruth Marvin spent a few days in Alvord last week.

Alva Leslie was here Saturday from Wichita.

Miss Oma Matthews spent last week in Dallas purchasing spring millinery.

Grover Malone visited Bridgeport Sunday.

Misses Vona Wilhite and Nettie Baynham were in Bridgeport Sunday.

Vista Covington visited her brother Floyd in Dallas last week.

Alton Chancey of St. Jo, Lillian Baynham, Sam Payne, Verna Sparkman, Ernest Ward and Robbie Graham were in Chico Sunday. Miss Pearl George came back with them for a visit.

Mr. Earnest Benson and Miss Grace Armstrong of Sunset, were married here Sunday by Rev. W. O. Barnett. Several of the Sunset young people accompanied them.

Trent Davis and Johnnie Burnett Miss Mineola and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harding were visiting with relatives here.

A. Y. Leslie, Oran Speer, Edd Collins and T. F. Hollabaugh were in Chico Monday.

L. H. Leach is in Dimmit county this week.

Jim B. Thomas is moving his dry goods business from Burkburnett to Sunset.

Resolutions of Respect

Whereas, it has pleased our Grandmaster of the universe to remove from our midst a member of our order of A. F. & A. M.

We your committee, beg to report that Bro. W. W. Clark, a member of Ben Franklin lodge, A. F. & A. M. Was born in Sebastian County, Ark., in 1821, died Dec. 7, 1911, at the residence of his son-in-law, Will Liley, where he, his wife and daughter were visiting. We have assurance that Bro. Clark was for about thirty five years a true and zealous Mason, and a devoted and loving father. He leaves many kindred and friends in this state and Oklahoma to mourn his demise. T. R. BROWN, T. J. BROWNFIELD, Committee.

LIBERTY

The farmers are now wearing a broad smile on account of the rain. Everybody has been gardening the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudd Gage of Greenwood, visited their nephew, J. C. Gage, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dement gave a singing on last Wednesday night in honor of visiting relatives from Oklahoma.

Quite a number of our community attended the singing at Oak Grove Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney McCaskey of Decatur, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Renshaw.

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Plant your Garden with these seeds.

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SLIDELL

Wheat is looking very well.

F. C. Adams was in Decatur Saturday.

E. E. Walker has moved from Slidell to Memphis, where he expects to make his future home.

The Ladie's Aid society gave a box supper the 14th inst. and a very good crowd was present. The proceeds go to pay for carpeting the Baptist church.

Miss Eula Drake, a student in Decatur college, is at home on a visit.

J. W. Balthrop and wife of Denton, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. Toomy Hall has returned home, after an extended visit to East Texas.

Joe McFarland is on the sick list this week.

Joe and Gibson Taylor of Greenwood, visited in Slidell Sunday.

Mrs. G. H. Fletcher was in Decatur Saturday, visiting her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Dillehay.

There will be a play given next Friday night, 23, at the school building.

Gas in the stomach or bowels is a disagreeable symptom of a torpid liver. To get rid of it quickly take Herbine. It is a marvelous liver stimulant and blood purifier. Price 50c. Sold by Man & Simmons.

Rally at New South

Program for rally at New South beginning Friday night before the first Sunday in March.

Friday, 7:30 p. m. "The King's possessions, J. L. Ward, E. T. Smith.

Saturday, 10 a. m. "Divine partnership in the acquisition of property" W. S. Donoho, W. C. Carver.

2 p. m. "The financial element in the work of the kingdom," J. B. Pyatt, W. A. Parker.

3:30 p. m. "The revenue law of the kingdom" J. L. Ward, W. S. Donoho.

7:3 p. m. "The law of the kingdom concerning the financial support of its subjects," J. H. Heathington, Rex Ray.

The regular services Sunday.

When the bowels become irregular you are uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. You can get rid of this misery quickly by using Herbine. Take a dose on going to bed and see how fine you feel next day. Price 50c. Sold by Man & Simmons.

What Ruins Girls.

Of all the ten or twelve thousand unfortunate girls and wrecked women arrested every year in Chicago, among those who tell their woes to me, ninety-nine out of every hundred attribute their downfall to the first glass of wine or champagne taken generally with a male companion, always for good-fellowship's sake.

That first glass is the beginning of the end—and here you see what the end is.

When a woman once begins to drink, even in a social way, her future is threatened with either moral wickedness or utter ruin. So many women who come here tell me that the first sparkling glass of champagne was the beginning of all their misfortune.—Mary K. Keegan, Chief Matron of the Chicago Police Department.

Chronological.

The amateur artist was painting—sunset, red, with blue streaks and green dots.

The old rustic, at a respectful distance, was watching.

"Ah," said the artist, looking up suddenly, "perhaps to you, too, nature has opened her sky pictures page? Have you seen the lambent flame of dawn leaping across the livid east; the red-stained, sulphurous islets floating in the lake of fire in the west; the ragged clouds at midnight, black as a raven's wing, blotting out the shuddering moon?"

"No," replied the rustic shortly; "not since I give up drink."—The Sacred Heart Review.

Early Recollections.

It was a real, right down jolly old English wedding, yet down by the bottom of the breakfast table sat one pale and serious individual who, like Sir Arthur Sullivan's organist, was "weary and ill at ease." He seemed miserably alone and unhappy in all that goodly company; wherefore the cheery best man sought him out, slapped him on the back and ultimately said, "Come, come, old man, cheer up. Have you kissed the bride?"

Deep came a sigh from his very boots as he spoke the answer that told far more than its meager words expressed: "Not lately, old man—not lately!"—Sheffield Telegraph.

Stacy-Adams and Packard new spring styles in men's low shoes are on display by the Red Store.

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Local Agents at Decatur for particulars in regards to this company

Citation by Publication

State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any constable of Wise county—greeting.

You are hereby commanded to summon S. M. Scott by making publication of this Citation once in each week for five successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 43rd, Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 43rd, Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Wise county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Decatur, on the last Monday in May A. D. 1912, the same being the 27th, day of May A. D. 1912, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 23rd, day of December A. D. 1911 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 3634, wherein Cage and Crow Bankers are plaintiffs, and S. M. Scott and A. Schawe are defendants.

The nature of the demand set out in said petition being a suit for foreclosure of vendor's lien, upon five certain promissory notes, each in the sum of \$200, bearing date of the 29th day of July, 1909, and due on the 29th day of July, 1910-1911-1912-1913 and 1914, respectively, and each payable to the order of A. Schawe, defendant herein, and each bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from date until paid. Plaintiffs allege that they are the lawful owners and holders of notes Nos. Two, Three, Four and Five; and that each and all of said notes are due and unpaid; plaintiffs show that the interest on said four notes has been paid up to July, 1910. Plaintiffs further show that said notes were given for a part of the purchase money of the following described real and premises situated in Wise county, Texas, same being 120 acres as follows: First tract being 6 acres out of the Jim Ball survey. Second tract being 25 acres out of the Kenneth Lofton survey, and the third tract being 89 acres out of the Jas. S. Ball survey.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said court, at office in Decatur, this the 5th day of February, A. D. 1912. Lory D. White, Clerk, District Court, Wise county.

Dandruff and Itching Scalp Yield to the Zemo Treatment

Why should you continue to experiment with salves, greasy lotions and fancy hair dressings trying to rid your scalp of germ life. They can't do it because they cannot penetrate to the seat of the trouble and draw the germ life to the surface of the scalp and destroy it.

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finer, penetrating scalp tonic that goes right to the seat of the trouble and drives the germ life to the surface and destroys it.

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Life, Fire, Tornado, Sick and Accident, Stock

and plate-glass insurance. That I will appreciate your business is certain; and more so, I will give you protection that protects. I don't want the whole world—don't need it—but I do want a good share of your insurance business; I need that. I can write your farm property at rates from 87c to \$1.04 per \$100 per year; and this in the best of companies. My office is now in the court house with the county school superintendent. Hunt me up; it will make me feel good, and I will please you.

J. W. BAILEY, : Decatur



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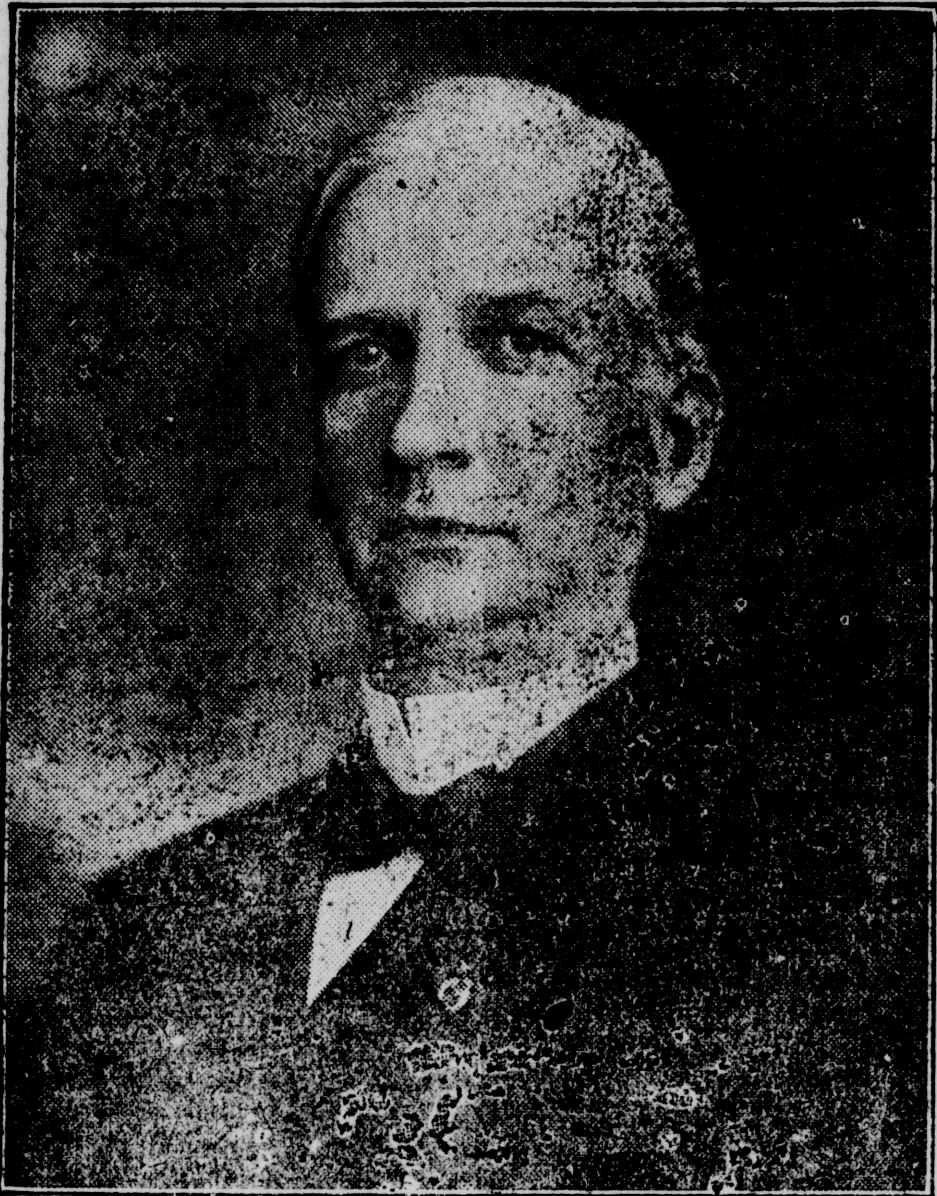
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For Governor of Texas.



Hon. W. F. Ramsey.

The president of Baylor university says Cone Johnson is the man to go to the senator.

Yoke Jake and Oscar together, and when election day rolls around souse the pair deep.

Jake Wolters in Senator Bailey's seat! Great scott, what would the country at-large think of Texas?

The antis made the mistake of their lives when they put forward Oscar B. They realize the mistake now, when it is too late.

With anything resembling a fair count in the Rio Grande country, Judge Ramsey will be the next governor of Texas.

Who said this was an "off" year for the candidate? Look at Messenger's announcement column—and we hear of others on the way.

One of the most commendable features of the cottonpicking machine is that it wont steal watermelons and chickens, so states the Houston Post.

Home must ever be woman's legitimate sphere and she can not be queen of the home and reign in political circles at the same time.—Cardinal Gibbons.

If the farmers will go ahead and raise big crops the country will get through the year, and the politicians may be depended upon to raise a sufficient supply of hell to go round.—Houston Post.

Cone Johnson, a prohibitionist of the right type, a good citizen, and man of recognized ability, is a candidate for the United States senate against one Jake Wolters. Take your choice.

Isn't it just a little peculiar to find all members of the state political machine whooping 'em up for Judson Harmon? From State Chairman Williams on down to the Jim Wells ringsters the pizen is being made.

With apologies to the late lamented Bob Ingersoll—Like a swaggering bully, like a hilarious borderman, Theodore Roosevelt walks the logs of the defamers of his prowess; he yanks the tongue of criticism from the mouth of peevish republicans and tosses his ginning mug full in the face of the whole layout.

Our friend, Bill Edward of the Denton Record-Chronicle, is decidedly the handsomest and most editorial-looking member of the Texas Almanac committee, a bunch of three newspapermen to select the winners in the Almanac's "best dope" contest.

Our neighbor county, Montague, is in the middle of another local option contest, and the election will be held on March 9th. Montague people are too far advanced in morals and civilization to drift back under the rule of the saloon, and we hope to see the county remain in the dry column.

Mr. Joseph Taylor, State Press editor of Dallas News, is doing his part in popularizing his great paper. Before Mr. Taylor took up the work few people outside the press circles were interested in the column, but today we find "laymen" throwing big red roses at the splendid writings of the present S. P. 'Pon my word, we violate no law, either in spirit or letter, in failing to mark this "adv."

The Messenger, like thousand other friends of Senator Bailey, has accepted his advise to "drop the Bailey question" and support men and measures upon the plan of merit. Senator Bailey saw the evil the so-called Bailey issue was working in ranks of the party in Texas, and he was big enough to remove the cause of the strife and ask friend and foe to drop the issue and dwell in peace and harmony. Today there is no "Bailey issue" in Wise county.

Parker county is to have a "preliminary" primary for the purpose of trimming down the number of aspirants in the district judge race. It is reported that Parker has three full

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Primary Election, Saturday, July 27

For Local Representative
A. D. ROGERS

For District Judge
C. V. TERRELL,
T. J. M'MURRAY

For District Clerk
LORY D. WHITE

For County Judge
E. M. ALLISON

For County Clerk
J. P. WILLIAMS

For Sheriff
SAM FAITH

For County Attorney
FRENCH SPENCER
ROBT. CARSWELL
W. C. SHULTS
J. V. PATTERSON

For Tax Assessor
JOHN CASEY
T. F. HOLLABAUGH
JESSE A. MADDUX
EUGENE HOLT
A. H. LOWRY
EDD POWELL

For Tax Collector
M. A. ARNETT

For Justice of Peace, Prec. 1
T. H. GREER
BOB HOPSON
C. C. BELL

For Constable, Prec. 1
CHAS. HARDWICK
TOM MCCRACKEN

For Commissioner, Precs. 1-6
T. L. ST. CLAIR
BRISON WILLIAMSON

fledged candidates in the running and the gentlemen have realized that it would be a foolish waste of much time and spellbinding, and some money if three from that county were pitted against two in Wise and one in Jack. With only one really good man from Parker running, he might stand a showing against Wise's two splendid specimen of good runners.

The Messenger is an advocate of good schools first, last and every day in the week. Such institutions are absolutely essential to the peace and progress of the communities. Without them the commercial, religious and social affairs become clogged and of no benefit to the people; progress stops and that tired feeling prevails. Show me a town or community with poor educational institutions and I'll point you to a town or community where bats dwell in buildings and hard luck story telling the peoples' principle diversion.

The Messenger has been subjected to a little unjust criticism by one or two of its fair readers because it fails to carry elaborate write-ups of society. The Messenger enter a plea of guilty to the charge, but denies the justness of the criticism attached to it. The paper has a little argument to submit: More than three thousand people in Wise county read the Messenger weekly, and in this number will be found the farmer, merchant, teacher, doctor, banker, preacher, laborer, rich man, poor man, peddler; our space is limited, and this limit necessarily forces us to "diversify" in compiling the makeup of the paper. If we "spread" a pink tea function, Mlle. High will probably proclaim the Messenger a "dear," while sixteen farmer friends will say its a darn nuisance. We get a flowery compliment from the lady, as sixteen stalwarts of Messenger's list inform us to "stop-per." So, there you are. Country newspapers must mix 'em up; that is, cover the news field, but keep clear of "slopping over" on something a big majority of the readers care nothing about. Farmer Jones, Merchant Smith, Prof. Brown, care not a rap whether Miss Dash thought Hamlet's insanity was the real article or a flour-flush play; these gentlemen are not concerned whether it was pink tea or sherred lobsters at Mrs. Dot's function. Hence, the Messenger will continue to mix 'em up, playing the entire field, no favorites at all; no "spreads" only on the items we are lead to believe are good reading for all our readers.

For Sale

Good frame house, practically new, well located, lot 135x1000 on one of the principal streets; household goods including piano, almost new; all at a bargain; will sell in lump or by the piece. See me Friday or Saturday at my home. W. C. Uastine, Decatur.

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A SCHOLARSHIP in the school of experience is always costly, but experience is the only teacher some people will heed. It is only after dire necessity stares them in the face that some learn the lesson of economy and the importance of a bank account. Why not get out of the old rut and start your bank account today while you are making money. It will make the "rainy days" brighter in the future.

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I, for one, would rather cut off my hand than see the United States adopt the attitude either of cringing before great and powerful nations who wish to wrong us or by bullying small and weak nations that have done us no wrong.—Theodore Roosevelt in the current Outlook.

And—
I took Panama and then left congress to debate.—Theodore Roosevelt at the University of California, March 23, 1911.

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The Messenger.

News of Town and County

Albatross.
Go to the Majestic tonight.
H. H. Halsell was in Dallas Tuesday.
C. C. Jones spent this week in Fort Worth.
Fresh oysters every day at Valentine's.
W. A. Rogers was in Boyd last week.
A. D. Rogers left Monday for Kansas City.
Baylor vs. D. B. C. this afternoon 3 o'clock.
Attend the matinee at Majestic.
Mark Oats was here from Rhome Wednesday.
Marriage licenses: Fred Castles to Maggie Harris.
Judge John G. Gose was in Willow Point Wednesday.
Miss Nettie McCormack visited Slidell Saturday.
Mrs. J. P. Williams is visiting relatives in Bridgeport.
Oysters at Valentine's restaurant—prepared to please you.
Shelton Rogers came home from A. & M. college Tuesday.
John A. Simmons was in Dallas on business Wednesday.
G. B. McCarty was here from Greenwood Wednesday.
J. M. Gibbon and wife are now on a visit to New Orleans.
W. L. Dallas will save you money on your groceries and feed.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Linn Mann on Friday, Feb. 16, a son.
Attend the Majestic on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.
W. B. Boyd and wife spent last week in Boyd with relatives.
Judge Charles Soward left yesterday for a visit to Galveston.
Roy Heathington made a business trip to Hollis, Okla., Saturday.
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Branch Saturday night.
Mrs. Boley of Abilene, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Linn Mann.
Misses Besse Shaw and Blanche Hutchinson spent Sunday in Rhome.
San la Roy cafe has everything good to eat—fresh oysters every day.
J. W. Thompson of Fort Worth, was this week the guest of his son, R. L.
A fierce blizzard with some snow followed a light drizzle of rain Tuesday night.
Mrs. H. S. Fenwick and Miss Edna Archer were here Saturday from Greenwood.
Mesdames Vastine and Melton of this place are establishing a millinery store at Boyd.
See that Good ball game at the college this afternoon, 3 o'clock sharp.

Patrolman M. M. Duck of Fort Worth, is ill at the home of Jim Odell south of Decatur.

Attorney French Spencer is attending the district court of Wilbarger county at Vernon.

Sheriff A. L. Weeks of Putnam county, Va., was here this week on official business.

For entertainment spend an evening at the Majestic. Only 10c.

Mesdames Dickson and Grant left Sunday for St. Louis to purchase their spring millinery stock.

Mrs. Robert Carswell is in Fort Worth visiting her sister, Mrs. Gainey Plaxco, who is very ill.

Mrs. H. H. Halsell and children have this week been on a visit to relatives in Amrillo.

Mrs. Fred Gentry and daughter, Lura Love, of Fort Worth, are visiting the family of J. E. Boyd.

Finest and freshest chocolates at San la Roy cafe. Fresh cakes and pies.

Misses Elizabeth Cobb of Dallas, and Ethel Burgess of Itasca, are visiting friends and relatives in the city.

Cary Batdorf, for the past several years with the Cash grocery, has accepted a position with the Dallas grocery.

W. E. Terrell returned first of the week from a stay in the northern markets, where he went to purchase goods for the Mississippi store.

S. Bellah, Odus Bailey and R. L. Wade left yesterday for eastern markets to purchase new spring goods for Bellah & Sons.

The Winona Singers closed the lyceum course here last Monday night. A large crowd was present, and the program was greatly enjoyed.

Constable W. M. Workman, County Attorney Ratliff and Hon. Tom McMurray were attending court at Bridgeport Wednesday.

Decatur high vs. Ft. Worth high tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock on the public school grounds. Don't miss this good game.

Miss Luna Plaxco was a Ft. Worth visitor Sunday. She reports her sister, Mrs. A. L. McElroy, as recovering nicely from a recent operation.

Albatross, Superior and Peacemaker flour; the finest on earth at W. L. Dallas.

Mayor H. L. Ward and family request the Messenger to express their sincere gratitude to the people who were so thoughtful and extended so many kindnesses during the last illness of their little son, H. L.

Grandma Rogers died at the home of her son-in-law, Jim Gorman, south of town last Tuesday morning. The funeral services were held and interment occurred at Pleasant Grove church, attended by a large crowd of friends.

Judge R. F. Spencer received a broken wrist last Friday as a result of a fall. The judge was alighting from his horse on the square when his foot slipped. Only one bone of his wrist was broken. The injury is healing nicely.

County Judge Allison and the commissioners' court went to Bridgeport Monday to attend the opening of the road leading north out of that town, intersecting the Chico road near the gravel crusher. This is a road that has been badly needed in that section.

D. J. Simpson announces today as a candidate for re-election to the office of county school superintendent. D. J. Simpson is now serving his first term. He has been diligent, painstaking in the discharge of his duties and has made a splendid officer.

Rev. J. C. Hines, the ex-Texas cowboy evangelist, delivered his lecture to men and boys at the court house last Sunday afternoon to a good-sized audience. Rev. Hines tells some important truths in a very effective manner, and his lecture should be heard and heeded by every man and boy in the land.

Today the name of C. C. Lewis appears in our announcement column. Marshal Lewis is a candidate for re-election to the office of chief of police, and he asks his friends for their support. His record as an officer is good, and as it is a custom to honor a good official with re-election his claims have good merit.

George Cobb was here from the Dan community Monday, bringing to this office one of the largest hen eggs we have ever seen. This egg weighed one-fourth of a pound and measured six and one-half by eight inches. Mr. Cobb has a hen which has the "habit" of laying large eggs, one which was accidentally broken, being larger than the one brought us.

At 5 p. m. this Thursday, the Index has from one the most skilful and reliable physicians of our city that within his knowledge there are no cases of meningitis in Bridgeport other than the three cases reported in last week's Index, and that the excited and exaggerated reports flying over the country are utterly without foundation in fact.—Bridgeport Index.

Sheriff Sam Faith turned Felix Saylor over to a Virginia officer Tuesday. Saylor stands charged with a serious crime and has been in the Gravel Hill community for some time. He was taken in by Sheriff Faith upon advices received from Virginia, and held him until the officer from that state arrived. The crime is alleged to have been committed in Putnam county.

Edd Powell, who lives nine miles south of Decatur, announces this week as a candidate for tax assessor of Wise county, subject to the Democratic primary July 27. Mr. Powell is a native of Wise county, and is a young man highly recommended by those who know him as capable and worthy. Some years ago he had a hand accidentally shot off while hunting. Since that time he has spent his time in school and in preparing himself for life's duties. He asks that the voters consider his claims and qualifications, and remember him in the primary.

A. H. Lowry of Bridgeport was here Saturday, and authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for tax assessor, subject to the Democratic primary. Since 1874 Mr. Lowry has been a resident of this county, living most of the time at Bridgeport and in the Lone Star community. He has long been an influential citizen, always found fostering and encouraging educational, religious and social development. He is deserving and well qualified for the place he seeks, and asks the suffrage of the people, as he states it, "not because the people owe it to him, but because he needs and wants the office."

This afternoon at 3 o'clock the championship basketball game of the state will be played at Decatur college campus between the college and Baylor. The Waco team has defeated every strong team in central and south Texas, including Poly, Fort Worth Y and the State university, and has a very fast bunch. Mosely, an old Decatur player, is on the team. Decatur college also has an enviable record, having lost but one game. This will be the best and last game of the season, and a large crowd of Decaturites should attend and encourage the home team in winning the victory which will give us the state title. Don't forget—this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Fort Worth high school basketball team will come here tomorrow, Saturday to play Decatur high. The game will be called at 3 o'clock sharp at the public school grounds. This will be an exceptionally interesting contest, as both teams are strong. Decatur high has not lost a game this season, and the boys have met some of the best teams of their class in the state. There seems to be little doubt that Decatur will win the state high school basketball championship. Tomorrow's game is an important one in the contest for honors. Decatur's line-up tomorrow will be: guards, St. Clair and Lynch; forwards, England and Rush; center, Dallas.

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FOR SALE—Jersey milch cows with young calves. C. B. Mecaskey, 3, Decatur.

FOR SALE—15 or 20 Rhode Island Red chickens; am overstocked. DR. S. P. NASH, dentist, Decatur, Texas.

FOR SALE OR RENT—store house and lot in Slidell. For particulars see or phone L. B. Drake or Lonnie Cearly, Slidell.

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SEED OATS FOR SALE—Red Rust proof oats, 75 cents per bushel. Allie Thomas, 10 miles east of Decatur, pd.

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FOR ROAD BUILDERS

SUGGESTIONS TO HELP THE IN-
EXPERIENCED IN HIGHWAY
CONSTRUCTION.

FIRST STEP IS DRAINAGE

Get Water Off and Away From Road
as Quickly as Possible—Weeds and
Sod Make Trouble—Proper Use of
Gravel.

By HOWARD H. GROSS.

It is not overstating the fact to say that three-fourths of the men charged with the responsibility of building and repairing the roads the country over, know very little about the subject; they have not had the engineering experience or even the practical experience necessary; they have simply followed their predecessors and they do what the fellow before them did.

In the movement for better highways the first step is a more intelligent expenditure of the time and money appropriated for the betterment of the roads, to the end that the community shall get the most and the best results for its contribution. It is common practice to do either the wrong thing, or if perchance the right thing is done, to do it at the wrong time of the year, and the result is very often an expenditure of one dollar to get thirty cents worth of benefit. As an instance we might cite that Illinois is spending five million of dollars a year upon the highways, and those in position to know, assert that more than half of it is wasted by ill timed and misdirected effort.

What is true of Illinois is true throughout the central west.

In order to make suggestions that will be of value one must assume some typical conditions and indicate what it is best to do to improve the roads under them.

In road improvement the first and most important step is drainage. Without proper drainage every effort will fail. Water is the only natural enemy of roads, and water is a coward and will run away if given a chance, hence get the water off the road and away from the road as quickly as possible. This may be done either by surface or sub-surface drainage, by side ditches with ample fall and proper outlet to carry the water away from the highway, or by tile. If the latter is done nothing less than four inch tile ought to be used and it should be very carefully laid, and should be put on each side of the road, particularly where the drainage is most needed. Be sure

ably farther down the road in take.

Where culverts are small have them of ample size. Small culverts are important to give the water a fall. A twelve inch culvert twenty four feet long with a fall of four inches, is better than a four foot culvert with a fall of two inches. The rapid flow through the culvert with a greater fall will keep the culvert clean. In one where the flow is sluggish, desposits will form and will choke the flow. Be sure to have ample outlet so the water can move freely after passing through the culvert.

In grading to make a fill do not allow any weeds or sod to get into the roadway. These will decay and make all kinds of trouble. It is much better to keep them out in the first instance.

If, in making the fill, the material must be moved six hundred feet or less, it will be advantageous to do this with scrapers—wheel type preferred. But if the material must be moved more than that it will be cheaper to put it upon wagons. Any filling of this nature should be made early in the spring, preferably as soon as the frost is out of the ground, so it will have ample time to compact and settle by the summer rains and the traffic. By proper handling during the summer season, a fill several feet deep can be put in shape for the road. A fill of this kind should be dragged with a split log drag or its equivalent after rains in order to keep the fills smooth and rounded so the water will run off quickly. The main thing is to prevent this fill from becoming water soaked. If this is done it will be thoroughly dried out and in good condition before the winter sets in, and it can be kept comparatively dry, if the tiles are kept open at the side and water is kept off the surface. In order to do this

the ruts must be filled as soon as made.

When a grade is once established the surface thereafter should never be disturbed except the top two or three inches in order to smooth it out with a road drag or harrow.

We will assume that the fill has been made preparatory to putting gravel or crushed stone upon the highway, and thus have a permanent improvement.

The following suggestions will be of benefit to the inexperienced road builder, who has simply farm tools to use.

It is not designed to suggest to the experienced builder, having improved road machinery to use.

Where roads are graveled, it has been very common for the farmers to haul the gravel and dump it down in a winrow, and leave it to be spread and compacted by traffic. Every driver avoids this winrow until soft weather compels him to drive over

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large extent takes the place of a roller. If a roller can be had this also should be used, and used immediately after a rain. But a good road can be had without a roller, if it is taken care of and looked after during the first year, and the best implement to do this is with a split log drag, using it the same as on an earth road. Ruts will form along the wagon track and where the horses go, but a dragging of the surface will fill these and in a short time a compact, smooth roadway will result. A better road can be built in one year if this plan is followed than can be built in three years by the old plan, and the road will be smoother and will serve a better purpose.

Do not forget that the most important part of road building is drainage, and that five or six inches of gravel on a well drained road will give better results than twice this material upon a road that is imperfectly drained.

When the writer was attending the great International Meeting of Road Engineers in Paris, 1908, one of the delegates asked an eminent French engineer how soon after the road was built he commenced to make repairs. His answer was: "The next day." If any place "a stitch in time saves nine," it certainly will do so on the highway. The splendid roads of Europe are looked after by an attendant who goes over them every week, and as soon as a break appears, the necessary repair is made. In this country the practice has been to build an expensive road or pave a street at a high cost, and do nothing with it until it becomes impassable.

When any township has well graded and thoroughly drained its highways the question of good roads is half solved, but only half. A smooth hard wearing surface must be put upon the same, especially upon the main highways. Where the state aid plan is followed the expense is not a burden to anyone and the benefits are many and shared in by all.

We sometimes hear the statement made by those who are trying to find objections to the building of hard roads, that an earth road is much pleasanter to drive upon and easier for the horses, and therefore the advantage of a good road are in some degree offset by the fact that an earth road at certain seasons is the better of the two.

The writer has always advocated, that where it is practical, it would be well to leave a smooth earth road alongside of the stone or gravel road, so that the drivers might choose between the two. When the weather is fine and the earth road is smooth, the drivers will usually take that in preference to the hard road. This saves wearing the hard road, and thus it serves a double purpose. Let a heavy rain descend and everybody takes the hard road. The difference is the improved highway is good 365 days in the year, and the other road is good and bad by turns. Having them side by side, which can easily be done without additional expense, the people have the choice.

There is another feature of the permanent road that should not be lost sight of. In the busy season while the crops are being planted, sometimes a heavy rain will fall, so that the fields are too wet to work. With good roads the farmer can make a trip to town, do the necessary errands, haul off a load of grain or hogs and keep his farm hands employed. If the roads are unimproved, he can neither work the farm nor travel the highways.

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every farmer, should send to the state engineer of his state, and to the office of Public Roads at Washington, and have his name put upon the mailing list, so that the bulletins and circulars, of which scores are published every year, upon road building and maintenance, road drainage, and suggestions that grow out of the experience of road building can be followed up and adopted by them. If this were done it would stop an enormous amount of money that every year is wasted upon the highways by ill timed and misdirected effort.

Old World Castle on the Hudson.

Washington Heights is to have a castle like those of the old world. Plans are being prepared for Commandatore Celestino Piva, a wealthy importer of raw silk and a member of Givernaud Brothers. It is to be erected on the high bluff overlooking the Hudson river and the Palisades, just back of the historical Arrowhead Inn. The property comprises more than twenty lots, being part of the former McCormick tract.

The castle is to be surrounded by Italian gardens, and the slope of the bluff is to be terraced and winding roads built to reach the castle from the boulevard. The building itself will be a three-story affair, with two lookout turrets at either end and a large pergola at the north end. Italian Renaissance will be the architecture of every detail of the exterior and interior.—New York Tribune.

Not Perfect.

A horse dealer was showing a horse to a prospective buyer. After running him back and forward for a few minutes, he stopped and said to the buyer: "What do you think of his coat? Isn't he a dandy?"

The buyer, noticing that the horse had the heaves, replied: "Yes, I like his coat, all right, but I don't like his pants."—Tit-Bits.

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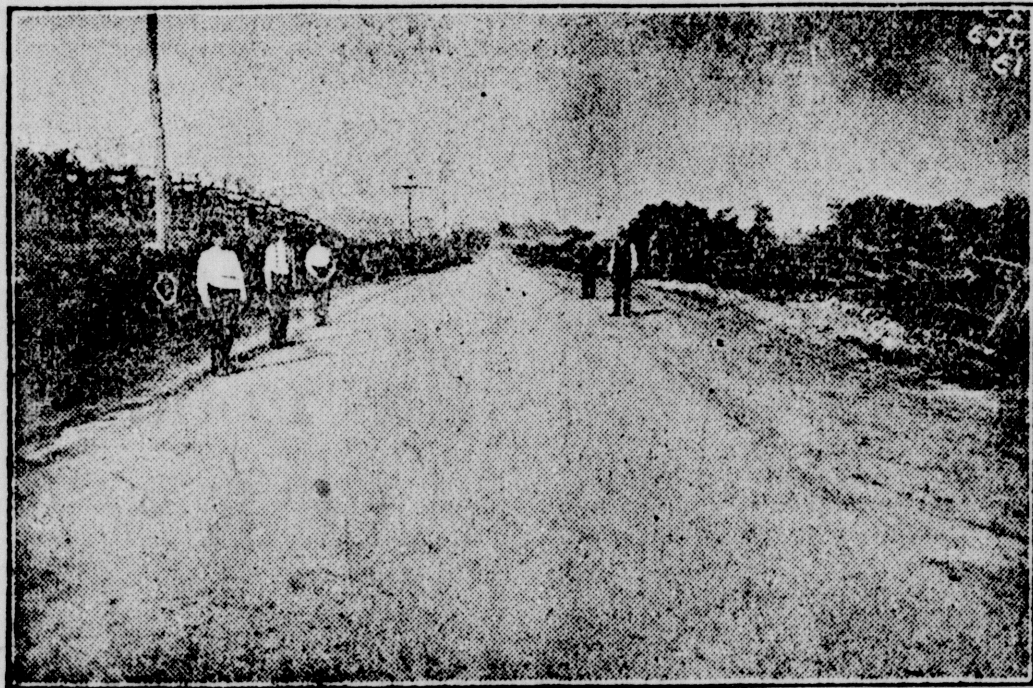
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After Improvement—Johnson City, Tenn.

This beautiful road shows the same highway as the other illustration taken less than a half mile away after the same has been improved, such roads mean better schools, more social life, contentment, more profit and higher farm values. The increase in the value of farm lands along this road is said to be at least three times as much as the tax to build the road.

These illustrations were furnished by the U. S. Office of Public Roads.

that the outlet is unobstructed if side ditches are used, especially on a hill slope, and have them as wide as practicable at the bottom.

Suppose the bed of the ditch is twenty-four inches wide down a hill slope. Construct so that the bottom of the ditch next to the hill side will be an inch or so lower than the side next to the road, so the flow will tend to the hill side instead of to the road.

Wherever it is necessary to carry water across a roadway, it is best to use iron or concrete pipe and carry it across at an angle. Strong tile will do if it is placed a sufficient distance below the surface so it will not be broken by the traffic. The outlet of this crossing should be considera-

it. Hence the road made in this manner requires a long time and a great deal of subsequent attention before a fairly good gravel road is the result.

Before putting down the gravel shoulders should be made the width that the gravel is to be spread, which may be anything from nine feet or more. After the gravel is dumped in between the shoulders, take an old-fashioned field harrow and go back and forth over this winrow, and with the aid of a little hand work here and there, have it spread over the surface smoothly, and three or four inches higher at the middle than at the sides. This harrowing is very important as it gets the particles, composing the material, closer together and to a

How to cure a cold is a question in which many are interested just now. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has won its great reputation and immense sale by its remarkable cure of colds. It can always be depended upon. For sale by all druggists.

Patronize the best laundry in North Texas (the Modern) prices moderate phone S. W. 137. Dickson & Smith.

Sedentary habits, lack of outdoor exercise, insufficient mastication of food, constipation, a torpid liver, worry and anxiety, are the most common causes of stomach troubles. Correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be well again. For sale by all druggists.

Basket ball today, Baylor vs. DBC

MILLIONS ARE LOST

Carelessness in Egg Handling Costs Big Sum.

Poultry Experts in Department of Agriculture Estimate Amount at \$45,000,000—Much Neglected Product of the Farm.

Washington.—Experts of the department of agriculture are on the trail of the American hen. Owing to the lack of proper training in the early education of the hen as to where and when to lay her eggs, an education for which the farmer is responsible, and owing to the carelessness of the farmer and his wife in the proper handling of their poultry's products, it is contended that \$45,000,000 worth of eggs each year are lost. This is said to be 15 per cent of the annual egg crop, which is given at \$300,000,000. The total value of the egg and poultry business is given at \$620,000,000 a year.

Harry M. Lamon and Charles L. Opperman of the animal husbandry division of the bureau of animal industry of the department are the experts who have been looking into the action of the hen. They have, as a result of their study, suggested many reforms for the farmer, the country merchant who is the principal first purchaser, the railroads and the big dealers. It is not at all strange that their work of reformation should be laid in the state of Kansas, which is full of reforms as well as eggs, for Kansas is one of the greatest egg-producing states in the Union.

There is no other domestic animal which has a more general distribution than the hen, and the part which she plays in the agricultural wealth of this country is almost incredible. According to the most recent statistics of the department of agriculture the products of the American hen aggregate a total value of more than \$620,000,000 annually. This is stated to be equal to the value of the hay crop of 1908, and greater than the combined value of oats and potatoes for the same year. It is nearly nine times the value of the tobacco crop, and equal to that of wheat.

It is an accepted fact that the commercial egg of this country is of a very poor quality, and when the housewife purchases eggs of the local grocer she is often compelled to break them first in a saucer before using them for culinary purposes. The poor quality in eggs has been attributed by the majority of persons to the retention of eggs in cold storage until a large per cent of them are unfit for human consumption. This condition, however, is not as a rule due to cold storage, but to the condition of the eggs when they go into storage.

This loss of \$45,000,000, represented by the improper handling of eggs on the farm and in the country store, is in the main a preventable one. It is borne directly both by the producer and the consumer and affects the consumer also by curtailing the egg supply of the country as well as lowering its quality. By preventing this loss it is possible for the farmer to realize a greater profit and for the consumer to be reasonably certain of purchasing eggs of good quality as well as keeping down the cost.

Poultry and eggs are produced in all sections of the country, but the business finds its greatest scope in areas presenting the most favorable conditions. It is a noticeable fact that the bulk of these important products is produced on the farms of the Mississippi Valley. In that section there are practically no large intensive poultry farms such as are commonly found in the eastern states and on the Pacific coast. Poultry keeping, therefore, is largely incidental, the hens being considered and treated largely as an agency for converting material which would otherwise go to waste into a salable product. Consequently the poultry and eggs produced constitute merely a by-product of the general farm. Because prices for poultry products are comparatively low the farmers make no efforts to keep larger flocks than can be supported by this waste without much attention or extra feed, and because individual flocks are small little attention has been given to improving the product or the method of disposing of it.

There is a young gold mine, according to the chicken experts, for the American farmer, no matter how small his farm may be, if he will devote some time to his egg and poultry business. He should keep clean houses and runs for his chickens, keep his nests clean, prevent his hens from laying in out of the way places, and should market his eggs at least twice a week. He should sell them not by numbers but according to their quality.

Then, too, he should feed his hens at least once a day, and in winter, when pickings are hard to find, twice a day. Again, he should never store his eggs in a damp place, especially a country cellar. He should sell for

cash, and, most important of all, increase his number of hens and make them work along scientific lines in their egg laying.

UNCLE SAM AND MISSIONARIES.

This time it is in China that the missionaries are in trouble. They cause the government a lot of worry. Nearly always they are in danger or difficulty in one part of the world or another, and the state department reckons that it spends at least \$1,000,000 a year, directly or indirectly, in protecting them.

PAPER BAG COOKERY

VEGETABLES COOKED IN THIS MANNER ARE DELICIOUS.

Combines the Advantages of Baking and Boiling—Delights of New Method Are Many, But It Has Limitations.

The Soyer method of paper bag cookery is never better than when applied to fresh vegetables. A great many vegetables are better when baked in the oven than when cooked in water on the top of the stove, because the juices are better preserved. But the one great objection to baking a vegetable has been the fact that it is likely to grow dry with cooking and acquire a hard crust over the surface. When inclosed in a paper bag the moisture arising from it as it cooks forms an envelope of steam around it and keeps it from drying. The steam cannot escape while inclosed in the bag.

Beets are delicious, cooked in this way, if the oven is hot and they are allowed plenty of time to bake. None of their juices and flavor is lost as in boiling, but when done they are perfectly tender and their skins can be as easily slipped off as when they have been boiled. Very young carrots have a most delicious flavor when baked in one of these cooking bags, a flavor that is quite foreign to the when the are boiled in water. Tomatoes cooked in paper bags are also delicious. They taste much like the boiled ones, but are better and retain their shape perfectly. If sealed up tight and placed on a grid shelf none of their juices will escape from the bag.

New potatoes baked in bags are without a dry, hard crust, the skin being so tender it can be pulled off with the hand, but many people will prefer to bake potatoes in the old way, as when cooked in the steamer filled bag they are too much like boiled potatoes. They lack something of the nutty flavor of the ordinary baked tuber.

Kohlrabi when cooked in this way does not give forth its cabbage-like odor as when boiled, but it is not improved in flavor.

If the summer cottage does not furnish a stove with good broiling facilities, and a porterhouse steak is wanted for dinner, try baking it in a paper cooking bag in the oven. The juices of the meat will be retained and form a delicious gravy, which will not soak through the paper as might be supposed if it is placed upon a grid shelf, where the hot air of the oven can circulate under it as well as over it. It makes a very nice change from broiling, too, as the flavor is different. For ordinary occasions, however, many people will prefer the broiled steak, in spite of the fact that some of the juices are lost in the fire. M. Soyer allows about fifteen or twenty minutes to cook a steak in a paper bag.

The delights of paper bag cooking are many. To the weary housekeeper the best of all is the fact that it alleviates to some extent the burden completely, as writers in search of a sensation would have one believe. The originator of the idea does not assure the housewife of any such good luck. Soups, omelettes and similar egg dishes, the homely cabbage, with some of its relatives; jams, except in limited quantities, and all pasties, such as macaroni, are baked by M. Soyer from this novel method of cookery.

Brown Sugar Pie.

Two-thirds cup brown sugar, one tablespoon butter, two tablespoons milk, cook until waxy looking; then take yolks of two eggs, one heaping tablespoon flour, one and one-half cups milk; mix all together, smooth, add to the above ingredients, cook until thick; add vanilla; have a baked crust; use the whites beaten stiff for top; return to the oven for a minute or two.

Economy Jelly.

Prepare fruit in the ordinary way, put through the jelly bag; put juice on and boil without adding sugar; can as you would any fruit, having jars or bottles hot; any time during the winter when sugar is cheaper open jars and make your jelly in from eight to fifteen minutes.

If you are bilious, languid, depressed, suffer from indigestion, sour belching, bloated feeling, bad breath, headache, wind in the bowels, dizziness, you need

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

The Great System Cleanser and Regulator.

A few doses will open and purify the bowels, tone up the stomach, stimulate the kidneys and liver and impart a feeling of strength and vigor. It transforms a tired, nervous, half-sick man or woman into one of bright, ruddy good health, energy and cheerfulness.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label.

Sold by Druggists.

Price \$1.00 per bottle.

For Sale by C. B. Guinn

ROADS, HOTELS AND STREET CAR SERVICE.

All railroads leading into Fort Worth will put on unusually low rates during the National Feeders' and Breeders' Show to be held at Fort Worth, March 18-23, inclusive; this rate to be in effect not only from all points in Texas, but from interstate points as well. This was agreed upon at a joint meeting of the general freight and passenger agents, which was held in Galveston, January 10. Persons desiring to attend the Fat Stock Show this year, no matter where they live, may go to Fort Worth at very nominal expense. The Fat Stock Show this year will be held on Homeseekers' Week, and the show management has arranged with all the roads putting on homeseekers' rates to have all trains stopped at Fort Worth, in order that the passengers may visit the show before continuing to their various destinations.

Since the 1911 Fat Stock Show, a number of new first-class hotels have been erected in Fort Worth, and with these others already open, the city is now prepared to comfortably take care of the increased crowds which will attend this year. There will be no increase in rates at any of the hostleries and special preparation will be made to accommodate the visitors. Street car service between the depots and the show grounds will be more efficient than ever before, and, in fact, everything possible will be done for the convenience and accommodation of visitors.

Fort Worth will entertain between fifty thousand and one hundred thousand visitors during the week, and all organizations in the city have combined to entertain them most royally.

LAND SHOW.

Exhibits to Be Secured From Every Portion of the State.

In order to make the National Feeders' and Breeders' Show, which will be held at Fort Worth, March 18-23, 1912, more attractive to a greater number of people, the management is adding many new features of entertainment, amusement and education. One of the most important of these new features will be a Land or Agriculture Show. In preparing for this attraction the management is being given the hearty assistance of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Real Estate Exchange, and five business men throughout the state of Texas, and exhibits will be secured from all parts of the state, especially the northern, western and central sections. A space in the big Coliseum, more than 200 feet in length and fifteen feet in width, will be reserved for agricultural exhibits and the aisles and ceiling of the entire west side of the building will be elaborately decorated for the occasion. This display will be a beautiful and instructive demonstration of the agricultural possibilities of the state, and patrons will be enabled to get a glance, a concrete idea of the agricultural products raised in the several sections of Imperial Texas.

As the Fat Stock Show will be held during "Homeseekers' Week," in March, there will be thousands of visitors from the North and East, and to those who are looking for a location in the great and promising Southwest, the Land Show will be a valuable and interesting source of accurate information.

William J. Bryan Says—

The fellow who tries to attract business without advertising is like the young man who throws his sweetheart a silent kiss in the dark. He may know what he is doing—but no one else does.

A Big Asset.

One of the greatest assets a merchant can have is the respect of his clerks, so they will work for his interest as well when he is away as they do when he is at the store.

Love's Open Vision.

A loving soul is superior to circumstances and gets gain from adversities and disappointments. We are familiar with Paul's saying that "all things work together for good to them that love God;" but perhaps we do not realize as we should that this result is not an arbitrary reward, but is conditioned upon the characters of our hearts. The love of God cannot make all events blessed for us till it dwells within us. God loves everybody; but the blessedness of being served by all events can be apprehended only by those who love him. Love finds the combination that unlocks every treasury of good. To be spiritually minded is both life and peace. We need not be the slaves of circumstances, but make them what we will. Their results depend on what we are. In every world the loving heart will find heaven.

Confidence

We Back up Our Statements with Our Personal Reputation and Money

We are so positive that we can relieve constipation, no matter how chronic it may be, that we offer to furnish the medicine free of all cost if we fail.

We think that it is worse than useless to attempt to cure constipation with cathartic drugs. Cathartics may do much harm. They may cause a reaction, irritate and weaken the bowels, and make constipation more chronic.

Constipation is often accompanied and may be caused by weakness of the nerves and muscles of the large intestine or colon. To expect a cure you must therefore tone up and strengthen those parts and restore them to healthier activity.

The discovery of the active principle of our remedy involved the labor of skilful research chemists. This remedy produces results such as are expected from the best of the best-known intestinal tonics, and it is particularly prompt in its results.

We want you to try Rexall Orderlies on our guarantee. They are exceedingly pleasant to take and are ideal for children. They apparently act directly on the nerves and muscles of the bowels, having, it would seem, a neutral action on other organs or glands. They do not purge or cause inconvenience. If they do not positively cure chronic or habitual constipation and thus relieve the myriads of associate or dependent chronic ailments, your money will be refunded. Try Rexall at our risk. Three sizes of packages, 10c, 22c, and 50c. Remember, you can obtain Rexall Remedies in this community only at our store—The Rexall Store. Ford & Thomason.

"It never hurts any business to quote high prices on high quality."—Profitable Advertising.

The Wise Salesman.

The wise salesman is not the man who has a line of talk that would "sell kindling wood in hades." The wise one would market his kindling wood where he could hope for a repeat order.

Sufficient Cause.

She—How is it that the Yearwedds do not speak to you now?
He—I'm the man who introduced them to each other.



To our Customers and those who will kindly patronize us—

We have tried to please you in the past and will continue to give you a SQUARE DEAL. We did not go into the tailoring business to put anyone else out. We are not SCABS, for we don't CUT prices. "To live and let live" is our motto. We guarantee our work; your money refunded if you are not satisfied. Our prices are reasonable. We do not get pay for pressing when we order your suit. Call on us and let us SUIT you with International or Lamm & Co. clothes

Dickson & Smith

THE TOWN CRIER

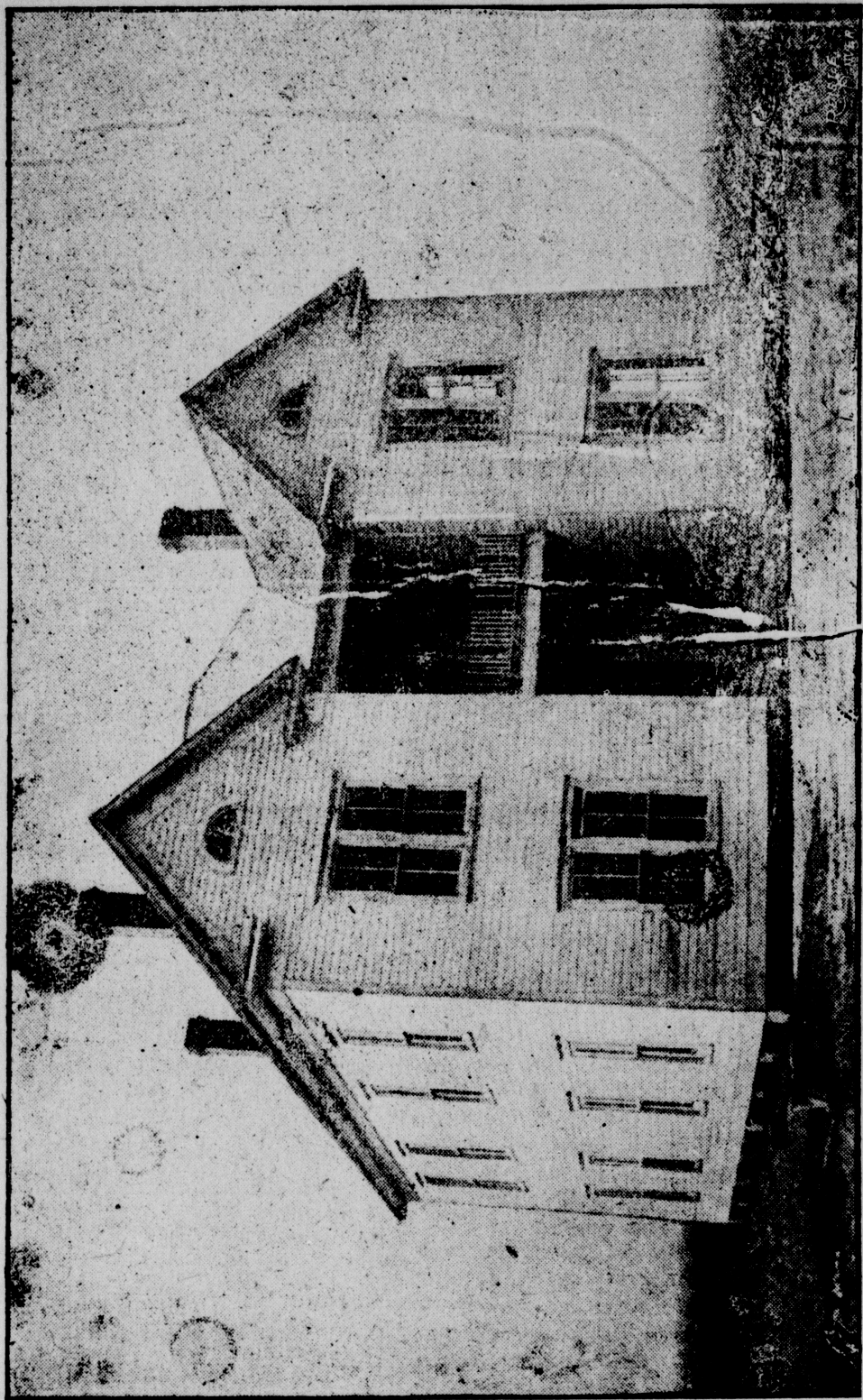
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PRINTER'S INK Will Get Business For YOU. We Do Up to Date JOB PRINTING. TRY US

You are probably aware that pneumonia always results from a cold, but you never heard of a cold resulting in pneumonia when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was used. Why take the risk when this remedy may be had for a trifle? For sale by all druggists.

Try Our Want Ads



Decatur Hall - Baptist College; Destroyed by fire 1903

Another Notch on Gun

A policeman in Fort Worth Monday night shot and instantly killed a young merchant, who had made some remark about the Sneed case. The officer and victim were passengers on a street car when the difficulty arose. Morris, the merchant, thought the officer was overstepping his authority when he interfered in his discussion of the case. Morris knocked the officer down, so the officer states. The law's blue-coated guardian forthwith and immediately opened fire and three children were made fatherless and a young wife driven into widowhood. Morris dead, while the officer is alive and enjoying health, so, the chances are at least ten to one it will be proven the victim of the policeman's unerring aim was armed with pistols, knives and vituperation, and was murderously assaulting the meek and modest minion of the law. Who will be next?

HONESTY FIRST REQUISITE

Underlying Principle of Successful Advertising H. N. McKinney Tells Harvard Students.

The students of the graduate school of business administration at Harvard university were told some facts about advertising recently by H. N. McKinney of Philadelphia. He took for his topic, "Advertising a Power in the Molding of Thought." Mr. McKinney is connected with N. W. Ayer & Son, an advertising agency of Philadelphia. "Advertising is the art of creating a desire, or increasing an already existing desire, and fixing it upon some certain article until that article is purchased. Advertising is the silent salesman, repeating the selling argument until it fastens itself in the mind of the reader. Advertising is not a get-rich-quick scheme. It is not an easy road to success. It is a hard, painstaking study of human nature in all its phases, and its success is an evidence of a correct understanding of the human mind.

"The underlying principle of all advertising is always the same—the application of the principle is rarely twice alike. The principle is the creation of thought, and the molding of that thought in a given direction. It matters not whether the article advertised is a railroad bond, a diamond bracelet or a package of food; the object of the advertiser is to create a desire for that particular thing so intense that a sale follows.

"While the principle is unchanging and unchangeable, the application of it must be fitted to each individual case, and not a small part of many advertising failures is due to the assumption that because a certain line of advertising has been successful in one case it will be in another. The right principle was wrongly applied, with resulting failure.

"The first and most important requisite of all advertising is honesty; no success can be permanent unless honesty is the foundation upon which

ADVERTISING NUGGETS BY WM. C. FREEMAN

The church that will advertise that its minister is a human being, that he loves humanity, that its choir sings the old hymns and sings them well, that will welcome strangers, that will open up its pews cordially just as a man opens the door of his home to a friend—such a church will not have any trouble in keeping its pews well filled.

George Washington has had attached to his name an advertisement that has lived about 170 years, because he was a slip of a boy when his father accused him of cutting down a cherry tree, and he acknowledged that he had done so by saying:

"Yes, I did it, father; I cannot tell a lie."

There has never been recorded, so far as I know, any statement contradicting that George Washington said this, so the advertisement may be accepted as a truthful advertisement.

Many a merchant thinks he cannot afford to advertise when he looks at the big space used by big advertisers. He forgets that those same big advertisers had to start in a small way—had to creep before they walked.

No man should be discouraged about starting advertising in a small way. It is the only way he should start, and it will pay, for example:

Two advertisers started using two-inch advertisements in two newspapers in a big city some twelve years ago.

The advertisements ran three times a week, and they paid for position. Their announcements always appeared on the same page and they were there regularly, fall and winter, spring and summer.

Today both advertisers are doing a very large business and each is worth more than a million dollars.

Everything else is built. The article advertised must be honest in its manufacture, in its appearance and in its price, while the advertising must be honest and truthful in all statements and in all impressions and inferences.

"I believe that at least one-half of the hundreds of millions of dollars annually expended in advertising in all the United States is utterly wasted, and this is very largely because of the popular idea that anybody can attend to the advertising of a business."

You are probably aware that pneumonia always results from a cold, but you never heard of a cold resulting in pneumonia when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was used. Why take the risk when this remedy may be had for a trifle? For sale by all druggists.

Decatur College Notes

The second term of the session is now well under way. Students and faculty alike are at work in earnest. Judging from prospects, the work of the present term will be the most satisfactory in the history of the school.

This term is to be full of activity. The event of supreme moment at present is the big basketball game between Baylor university and the fast five of Decatur which will be played this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Baylor has been winning in a streak thus far this season. No five has been able to cope with those boys this season. We claim to have the strongest team in Texas. So the game today will have the effect of deciding the state championships. As the game is to be played on the home court it is to be hoped that all Decatur lovers of basketball will turn out to witness this interesting game.

Next in order are the debates between Decatur college and Howard Payne college of Brownwood, and Wayland college of Plainview. These interesting forensic battles will be fought March 16. Jackson and Gettys will meet Howard Payne in Decatur, and Lowry and Coleman will meet Wayland in Plainview. With these four strong men to represent the college there is every reason to believe that a decisive victory will be ours March 16.

Another interesting contest will be held to decide who shall be our representative in the State Prohibition contest. It is reported that a number of the young men are preparing speeches for the contest.

The senior class this year is a large one and they are now at work getting out an annual for the college. This is something new for the school. It is quite an undertaking, but a worthy one. No publication of a school more clearly represents the life of that school than a good annual. The management of the annual is gratified at the encouragement they are receiving from the business men and people of Decatur in general. This far in advance we feel like offering our thanks to the people who so generously and liberally help make the publication such a pronounced success.

Perhaps one of the most far-reaching and helpful entertainments to be given this spring will be under the auspices of Mrs. Simmons excellent music class. The program, which is already in preparation, is to be elaborate in every sense of the word. Nothing will be overlooked that will in any way add to the attractiveness of said entertainment.

A scald, burn, or severe cut heals slowly if neglected. The family that keeps a bottle of Ballard's Snow Lintiment on hand is always prepared for such accidents. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Man & Simmons.

Twenty Years Ago

Feb. 13, 1892.—Wilson Field's house was destroyed by fire on the 4.

Our aged townsman, H. Sewell, has been dangerously ill this week.

Mrs. Lillian Locke has been granted a divorce from A. D. Locke and takes her former name of Stewart.

Sandy Hays, Dixie Foreman, Bet Foreman and Ella Nash, in connection with Charley Jane and Scot Conley, who have been in jail at Fort Worth, have been indicted by the grand jury and are now in jail at Decatur charged with burglarizing the store of Hatcher & Son about ten days ago. Deputy Sheriff John Moore has started for Ft. Worth after Charley and Scot, who will be taken there for trial.—Fort Worth Gazette.

Greenwood too has a "feeler" out for the Rock Island.

By the recent failure of the Glasgow, Ky., deposit bank, Col. Beville, brother of R. M. Beville, and Mrs. Angie Beville lost \$3500 which they had placed in that bank for New York exchange.

J. D. White is foreman of the grand jury.

Frank Collier's son, Rube, 10 years old, ran away from his home near Bridgeport last Wednesday and cannot be found. The last heard of him was on Thursday 3 miles west of Decatur. His parents are almost distracted, fearing that the little fellow may be dead. Sheriff Rucker with his dogs went out to assist in the search.

The Post of last week announced that the new engine at the electric light plant has been put in position. That pugilistic encounters are getting

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

*Sixty Years
the Standard for purity,
strength and healthfulness.*

**Made from pure,
grape cream of tartar,
free from alum and
phosphatic
acids.**

to be common property in Decatur.

The calaboose at Alvord burned last week.

Feb. 20.—Shelby Hoyl announces for tax assessor.

We are requested to announce that C. B. Gunn is a candidate for the office of tax collector.

The contract for building the Baptist college will be let Feb. 22.

Boonville school has 116 pupils.

Major A. B. Conley leaves tomorrow for St. Louis to lay in a fresh supply of goods.

About 1600 bales of cotton have been put up at Paradise this season.

HELP THE RURAL CARRIER.

One of the best friends the farmer can have is the rural mail carrier.

Not that the carrier is allowed to show any special favors to any patrons by virtue of his office, but because the carrier represents a work which Uncle Sam is doing for the farmers without getting a sufficient return in money to pay for it. Rural delivery is being conducted at a loss. It must also be borne in mind that the rural carrier sometimes braves great hardships and even danger in order to serve all the patrons on his route, not because the regulations compel him to, but because of the attachment he forms for the people whose mail he delivers.

The rural carrier is not overpaid, either, although his salary looks good on paper, considering the class of work that he does—which does not

require more intelligence than driving a grocery delivery wagon. However, the carrier must pay for the keep of his horse and repairs on his rig, so that very few are able to draw interest from the banks.

An effective for the farmer to show his appreciation of the rural carrier's faithful services is by keeping an up-to-date mail box and locating it in such a way that it will be easy for the carrier to serve it without dismounting. The postal regulations provide that boxes must be 3 1-2 feet from the ground, and must be grouped where possible with the boxes overhanging the road, but there are few carriers who wish to have hard feeling with their patrons by reporting the matter to their superiors. Therefore, they let the matter go and serve unhandy boxes in unhandy ways year after year.

Ask your carrier if your box is located in accordance with the regulations, and if you could make it more convenient for him by altering its position. Carry out his suggestions, and you will have made him the best possible gift.—Ex.

When her child is in danger a woman will risk her life to protect it. No great act of heroism or risk of life is necessary to protect a child from croup. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and all danger is avoided. For sale by all druggists.

Quick lunch—fresh cysters, chile, hamburgers, at Valentine's

Try Our Want Ads

Melts in Your Mouth

Here's a dainty delicacy—served hot; or cold as a salad. Luscious, tender down to the last bite (tip and stalk)—it's better than the fresh.

White Swan Asparagus Tips

All of America is our asparagus bed—only the pick of the asparagus crop in the finest asparagus growing districts is prepared the "home cooked" way and put up under conditions of superior cleanliness. Every taste a treat.

Ask Your Grocer

For White Swan Food Products. There are few, very few, who do not carry them, but yours may be one of the few—or he may be just out. Ask him to get them for you. He can, easily—he will, of course.

Waples-Platter Grocer Co.

Dallas — Denison — Ft. Worth

BRANCH HOUSES:

Gainesville, Tex.—Greenville, Tex.—Dublin, Tex.—Brownwood, Tex.—Stamford, Tex.—Hamlin, Tex.—Chillicothe, Tex.—Amarillo, Tex.—Ada, Okla.—Clackasha, Okla.